

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 3, 5 to 9 and 11 to 16 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 5 to 9 and 11 to 14 have been amended for which there is support in the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed. Claims 4 and 10 have been canceled without prejudice.

Reconsideration of the Examiner's decisions and reexamination of this application is respectfully requested.

The §102 rejections:

Claims 1 to 3, 9, 15 and 16 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Bulsara et al. U.S. Patent 6,891,209.

In view of the amendments to the claims to incorporate the allowable subject matter indicated below, the rejection of claims 1 to 3, 9, 15 under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Bulsara et al. U.S. Patent 6,891,209 is now moot.

Allowable subject matter:

The Examiner has indicated that claims 4 to 8 and 10 to 14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, Applicants have amended claim 1 by incorporating the limitations of claim 4 and amended claim 9 by incorporating the limitations of claim 10. Claims 4

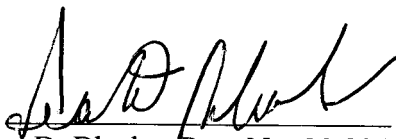
and 10 have been canceled without prejudice. The remaining amendments to the claims are to correct the dependency of the claims so that all claims depend, directly or indirectly, upon claim 1 or claim 9.

In view of the foregoing amendments to the claims, all of claims 1 to 3, 5 to 9 and 11 to 16 should be in condition for allowance.

Summary:

In view of the above remarks and amendments to the claims, the present application should be in condition for allowance. If the Examiner finds this application deficient in any respect, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's earliest convenience to resolve such deficiency.

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